

Citizens League Picks Kellis, O'Brien, Clarkson

The Oakland Citizens league has recommended Democrat James G. Kellis for election as 18th district Congressman ~~over~~ incumbent William S. Broomfield.

The league is a non-partisan government study organization.

It announced its 1960 general election ratings today. These ratings will be placed in public libraries and business places Thursday.

On the whole, the ratings elated Democrats. In addition to choosing Kellis over Broomfield, the league said it preferred Democrats William A. O'Brien and S. James Clarkson for state Legislature in the Fifth and Fourth districts, respectively.

Donald E. Adams, a well-known Democrat, is preferred over Republican State Senator L. Harvey Lodge in the non-partisan probate judge election.

Democrats generally consider

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 counts governmental experience
 and says the fact that Oakland
 county gives more Republicans
 experience in office is not its do-
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In 1958, no Democrat was preferred over his Republican opponent, although in some cases, as in 1960, the league said the candidates were so evenly qualified that it could not state a preference.

O'Brien is rated over William Hayward, incumbent Fifth district representative and Royal Oak mayor, who had the league's nod in 1958. Broomfield, too, was preferred in 1958, as was Lodge, then a candidate for State Senate.

Basis for Selection—

A 20-man committee investigated and interviewed the candidates for the League. Candidates are scored on education and experience and on their answers in the interview, a member said.

One committeeman, Merrill Bates, Bloomfield Hills, president of the Oakland County Association of School Boards, said, "Apparently Mr. Kellis impressed the committee with his manner of approach to foreign affairs."

The only South Oakland resident on the committee, Nelson Kieb, 134 Elm Park, Pleasant Ridge, said, "I was of the impression that Mr. Kellis and Mr. Broomfield were scored equal."

Kellis Happy—

Kieb said Kellis held an advantage in education and in foreign service, but that this was, in his mind, balanced by Broomfield's experience in the job and in representing Oakland county.

Kellis, retired U.S. Air Force colonel who served with OSS, CIA, and NATO, said, "I am very pleased and happy about this." Broomfield, who has represented Oakland county in Washington since 1956, was not available for comment.

The league made no recommendation in South Oakland's Sixth district. It said incumbent Democrat John C. Hitchcock "did not cooperate."

The league noted that Hitchcock's opponent, Robert J. Turner, was given a three-star rating in the primary. Republican Henry M. Hogan Jr., is preferred in the Third district.

Three Republican incumbent county officers, Sheriff Frank Irons, Clerk-Register Daniel T. Murphy Jr., and Treasurer Charles A. Sparks are preferred. No preference was stated between Prosecutor George F. Taylor and Democrat George J. Fulkerson or between Drain Commissioner Daniel W. Barry and Democrat Roy J. Russell.

Republican State Rep. Frank